

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SANTIA 03929 312148Z

62

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 INR-10 LAB-06

NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 OMB-01 SY-10 OPR-02 AID-20

NIC-01 PM-07 H-03 L-03 NSC-10 PA-03 PRS-01 SS-15

USIA-15 RSR-01 /142 W

----- 112183

R 312045Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5376

INFO DOD/DIA

USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANTIAGO 3929

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: CI PINT PINS ELAB MILI

SUBJ: TRANSPORT STRIKE SETTLEMENT MAY BE CLOSE-
MERCHANTS REOPEN SHOPS

REF: SANTIAGO 3901

1. SUMMARY. GOC NEGOTIATORS AND TRANSPORT UNIONS REACHED AN AGREEMENT AUU 30 WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO PRES ALLENDE. MERCHANTS REOPENED DOORS AUG 31 IN "TERMPORARY SUSPENSION" OF THEIR STRIKE WHILE TALKS CONTINUE. MEDICAL STRIKE EXTENED ANOTHER 48 HOURS. NAVY BEGAN LEGAL ACTION TO STRIP ALTAMIRANO AND GARRETON OF IMMUNITY. ARMY ISSUED BLAND STATEMENT CONCERNING GENERALS MEETING AUG 28-29. END SUMMARY.

2. LAND TRANSPORT CONFEDERATION (RODADO) AND TRANSPORTATION INTERVENTOR GENERAL RAUL CONTRERAS ON AUG 30 REACHED AN AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED TO PRES ALLENDE FOR APPROVAL. NEGOTIATORS ARE TO MEET AGAIN TODAY AUG 31, AFTER WHICH, IF GOC REACTION IS POSITIVE, PRESUMABLY ORDERS WILL GO OUT TO RESUME TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES. DETAILS OF AGREEMENT NOT YET AVAILABLE.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SANTIA 03929 312148Z

STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER ALL ELEMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION SIDE, I.E.

VILARIN, WILL SETTLE EVEN IF GOVT ACCEPTS.

3. MERCHANTS' ORGANIZATIONS ISSUED STATEMENT AUG 30 THAT THEIR STRIKE WOULD BE "TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED," AND SANTIAGO SHOPS OPENED MORNING AUG 31. RETAIL SHOPKEEPERS LEADER RAFAEL CUMSILLE REPORTED PROMISING TALKS WITH MININTERIOR BRIONES, AND TALKS WILL CONTINUE ON BASIS ACCEPTANCE BY GOVT OF TWO SPECIFIC DEMANDS: RETURN TO OWNERS OF FOUR ESTABLISHMENTS REQUISITIONED IN VALDIVIA, AND "SOLUTION" TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST MERCHANTS IN RANCAGUA. MORE GENERAL DEMANDS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY MIN ECONOMY CADEMARTORI, WHO PROMISES RESPONSE BY SEPT 1.

4. FOUR MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS (PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS AND NURSES) ANNOUNCED CONTINUATION OF 48 HOURS OF THEIR STRIKE, CHARGING THAT NEW HEALTH MINISTER DR. MARIO LAGOS HERNANDEZ HAS DONE NOTHING TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, UP PRESS RAILS AGAINST "MURDERER DOCTORS" WHO LET PATIENTS DIE UNATTENDED. MEDICAL PROFESSION THREATENS EXTEND STRIKE AND WITHDRAW EVEN MATERNITY AND EMERGENCY CARE IF NO PROGRESS MADE.

5. ONLY PUBLIC RESULT OF LONG MEETING OF ARMY GENERALS AUG 28 AND 29 (SANTIAGO 3877) WAS BRIEF STATEMENT ISSUED AUG 30 NOTING THAT GENERALS HAD MET TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND TO ADOPT RELATED MEASURES WHICH PERTAIN TO THE ARMY.
SECOND PARAGRAPH GOT DOWN TO
CONVENING OF REGULAR PROMOTION BOARD IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO FILL VACANCIES OPENED BY RESIGNATIONS OF GENERAL PRATS, SEPULVEDA AND PICKERING.

6. ADMIRAL MERINO, COMMANDER FIRST NAVAL ZONE WHICH INCLUDES VALPARAISO AND SANTIAGO, INITIATED FORMAL LEGAL ACTION IN HIS CAPACITY AS HIGHEST NAVY ZONE LEGAL AUTHORITY, PRESENTED TO VALPARAISO COURT OF APPEALS TO STRIP PS SENATOR CARLOS ALTAMIRANO AND MAPU DEPUTY OSCAR GARRETÓN OF CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY TO PERMIT CHARGING THEM WITH SUBVERSION OF NAVY (SANTIAGO 3840). NAVY ACTION DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION OF CONCERN FELT BY CHILEAN MILITARY OVER LEFT EXTREMIST ATTEMPTS POLITICIZE RANKS.

7. SHOTS FIRED INEFFECTIVELY AT CARABINERO GUARD AT CARDINAL SILVA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 SANTIA 03929 312148Z

RESIDENCE DURING NIGHT BROUGHT OUTRAGED PROTEST FROM UP PRESS. GUARD FIRED BACK, BUT UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS EXCAPTED, LEAVING SCORE APPARENTLY NOTHING TO NOTHING.

8. SENATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE MET IN LONG SESSION AUG 30 WITH MINDEFENSE LETELIER, THREE MILITARY CINCS, AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS "POLITICAL FACTORS IN THE STABILITY OF MILITARY CAREER." STATEMENT ISSUED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SENATOR BENJAMIN PRADO (PDC)

AFTER MEETING INDICATED MAIN SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS ROLE OF MILITARY IN CABINET, AND EFFECTS UPON MILITARY INSTITUTIONS. STATEMENT NOTED OPPOSITION CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO PRESTIGE AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MILITARY RESULTING FROM OVER-INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS.

9. DURING WOMENS' DEMONSTRATION AT GENERAL PRATS HOME AUG 21 (SANTIAGO 3742) ARMY CAPTAIN RENE BALLAS SIGLIC RUSHED TO DEFENSE OF HIS WIFE, AND MADE PUBLIC ANTI-UP AND ANTI-PRATS REMARKS. ON AUG 28 HE WAS INVOLUNTARILY RETIRED FROM ARMY. RIGHTIST PRESS TRYING TO MAKE CASE IN SUPPORT OF BALLAS, BUT REST OF PRESS WHICH REPORTED INCIDENT TOOK MORE NEUTRAL STANCE. CASES OF TWO MAJORS SIMILARLY INVOLVED IN WOMENS' DEMONSTRATION STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. SOME CONCERN REPORTED IN ARMY OVER HARSHNESS OF PENALTY, BUT GENERALLY CONCEDED IN ARMY THAT BALLAS OUT-OF-LINE, AND ACTION IS LEGAL. (BALLAS IS SON-IN-LAW OF RETIRED RIGHTIST GENERAL CANALES.)

10 MININTERIOR CARLOS BRIONES IN PRESS CONFERENCE AUG 30 SAID THAT GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED IN UNOFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PDC LEADERS, AND THAT BOTH SHOULD HAVE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND CHILEAN DEMOCRACY. BRIONES FIRMLY CONDEMNED ALL ATTEMPTS AT "SUBERSION" OF MILITARY, DEPLORED CAMPAIGN OF OPPOSITION PRESS AGAINST GOVERNMENT. NOTED THAT WHILE HE HAD LONG BEEN A PS MEMBER HIS CARD HAD "PROBABLY" LAPSED AND IN ANY EVENT HIS ONLY POLITICAL ROLE IS TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT. TONE OF CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF MODERATION AND CONCILIATION.

DAVIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SANTIA03929
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SANTIAGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973082/aaaaabgz.tel
Line Count: 143
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: SANTIAGO 3901
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <04 MAR 2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRANSPORT STRIKE SETTLEMENT MAY BE CLOSE- MERCHANTS REOPEN SHOPS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ELAB, MILI, CI
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005